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Art Unit	2645
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- 1) Request for Continued Examination (1 page)
- 2) One Month Extension of Time Request (1 page)
- 3) Credit Card Payment Form for \$880.00 (1 page)

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